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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Four

Part B for October 1925

SUBJECT

Re supply of food to Mahammadan prisoners from outside during the period of Mohammadan and other religious ceremonies.

Nop. 2000 dt 12-10-25 Some of the prisons

She ... must first agree with the opinion ... expressed ... of the Superintendents and requested to inform me ... after Mapilla & Tribal Jamadars ... receiving ...

Manavikrama Iyengar

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 15. 25

FILE HEADING.

Supply of food Cloth &c to the Muhammadan convicts on the occasion of the Birth day of the Holy Prophet-Muhammad on 1.10.25 and their religious ceremo

From

The D.C. of Bandarban

No. 1106/77-25 Dated 31-8-25 / 2-9-25 Received 5th. 9. 25

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requesting orders in the above — on the recommendation of the Hon: Lay: Mag'tes — Ex-Militia Islamia, Muktasi Building Bazaar &c.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Submitted. There is no provision in the Jail manual to concede to this request, which if granted may perhaps lead to inconvenient precedents not only from this community but from others also.

NOTES—First Sheet.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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1) Even with regard to civil and under trial prisoners, who are permitted to use food brought from outside the jail certain restrictions and safeguards are provided in the rules which may not be possible to enforce when a general kitchen is concerned (Vide rules 327, 335, etc in ch: XXII + rules 632 + 654 of the Jail Manual.

2) A congregation of Mohammadan prisoners on the occasion of the Ramzan + Shubbe Barat to offer a joint prayer was not permitted (Vide Pri. Sch 71-24. flg: O.

4) There have been no precedents for such concession all these years, and it is a point for consideration and orders whether any departure from the existing arrangement principle based on sanitation + discipline is called for.

Seen 7/9/25

5) There is no rule on the point. Once a person is convicted, he is not permitted to get his food from anywhere except the prison. In this light, permitting a feast even on feast days will be against the spirit of prison discipline, though from a humanitarian point of view there is no objection. A precedent will be created. The request may perhaps be refused.

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Under Secy

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7) Please ask S.S. to furnish his own opinion

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8) Draft Lr. Leary 11/9/25 Addl 11/9

9) Issue cy 11/9

2. To

The Supdt. Cyp. Prisons
Nos. 1528 dy 14. 9. 25.

Returns communicated for his own opinion

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3. Letter No. 1194/77-25 dy 29. 9. 25 from the Dy. Supdt. of Prisons stating that he is not in favour of granting the request.

10) Supdt. does not support. Under the circumstances, the matter may perhaps be dropped & the file closed. (11) yes. Whether the Association which sent up the Resolution to the Dy. Supdt of Prisons, may be given a reply is a point for Association. As the Dy. is addressed, it is perhaps his work only to give a reply or not, as he thinks fit. He may perhaps be informed that we agree with his views.

31/10 Addl 1/10

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13 Repd that Govr agree with the Ld. P. ~~Council~~, & that ~~action thereon~~ the Secy may be dd that the Authorities sd welcome weekly religious & moral instruction to the Mahn prisoners.

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6/10/25.

SH 6/10
Cary 7.10.

Rep 7/10

a/ draft sd. Mr has the respectfully to submit that there already exists a Mahommedan religious teacher receiving a Government allowance of £3 10/. p.m. to visit the gaol weekly religious & moral instruction to Mahommedan prisoners confined in the gaol. Whether the religious instruction now given is sufficient or not he cannot say. If it is in addition to his existing duties he has perhaps time enough, and if so, the question is that no Government allowance or recommendation will be asked for this additional teacher may be inserted in the draft if approved (15) Reference to the latter portion might be omitted. Draft is revised accordingly.

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Lt. L. Secy
10/10 2nd Secy

Cary 7/10

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet

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Serial No 4

To D. G. of Prisons
No P. 2000 dy 19.10.25
States that Govt agree in the opinion expressed by D.G. P in 813 & request him to inform Secy of the Majlis-e-Millia accordingly.

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No. 1106/77-25 Secret. two

OFFICE OF THE INSPR.-GEN. OF PRISONS
IN MYSORE,

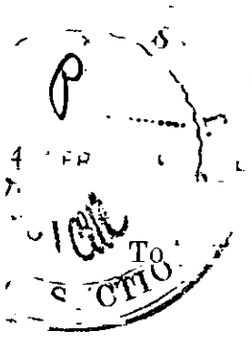
Dated Bangalore, 24th August 1925

FROM

Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons

in Mysore, Bangalore.



Pris 15. 25

B. Nagappa, Esqr., Bar-at-law.,

Secretary to the Govt: of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Local and Legislative Departments, Bangalo

SIR,

In forwarding herewith a copy of letter No. 122 dated 24th August 1925 together with a copy of its enclosure, received from the Honorary Secretary - The Majlis-e-Millia Islamia, Mehter Buildings, Bangalore City, in the matter of the Mahomedan convicts, in the - Bangalore Central Jail, being supplied with food in the Jail premise on the occasion of the Birthday of the Holy Prophet Mahomed, on - 1-10-1925 and other religious ceremonies, by the General Public, I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to obtain orders of Government in this connection and communicate to me, at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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Letter No. 122 dated 24th August 1925 from the Honorary Secretary, - The Majlis-e-Millia Islamia, Mehter Buildings, Bargalore City, to the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of an extract from the Proceedings of the Majlise Millia Islamia held on Tuesday the 18th instant, for your kind perusal and favourable orders.

As the Birthday of our Holy Prophet Mahomed (Peace be on him) comes off on the 1st of October 1925, an early sanction to our resolution is solicited.

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" C O P Y "

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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Proceedings of the Majlise Millia Islamia held on 18-8-1925 under the Presidentship of Mr. M. Abdul Azeez, Cloth Merchant, - Bangalore City.

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Proposed by Mr. Abdul Jabbar Government Contractor and seconded by Messrs Syed Yusuff, General Merchant and Shaik Hussain, Iron Merchant that the Mahomedan convicts in the Central Jail, Bangalore, to be supplied with food in the Jail premises on the occasion of the Birth-day of our Holy Prophet Mahomed (Peace be on him) and other religious ceremonies, by the General Public.

Unanimously resolved that the Mahomedan convicts may be given the benefit of enjoying the treat on several occasions like all the other poor public and that the Secretary of the Majlise Millia Islamia be requested to obtain the sanction of the Inspector-General of Prisons for the same before the 1st October 1925, on which date the sacred ceremony takes place.

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"C O P Y"

Inspector-General of Prisons.

29-8-1925.

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SUBJECT

Section Pris

File No. 15-25

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. 1512

To The Inspr General of Prisons
& Ex Officio

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue 14/9/25

With reference to your letter
No. 1106/77-25-J 31-8-25 2.9.
in the matter of the Muhammadan
Convicts being supplied with
food from outside on the occasion
of the Birthday of Muhammad
& other religious ceremonies,
I am directed to request you
to kindly favour Govt with your
views on the subject.

Signed by

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No. 1194 77-25 Encl: one

OFFICE OF THE INSPR.-GEN. OF PRISONS IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 29th September 1925.

FROM

Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L.M.S.,

Inspector-General of Prisons

in Mysore, Bangalore.

19 SEP. 1925 To

B. Nagaraja, Esqr., Bar-at-law.,

Secy. to the Govt: of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

L. & L. Departments, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. P. 1528/Pris. 15-35-2 dated 14th September 1925, I have the honour to inform you that I am not in favour of granting the request of the Majlis-e-Millia Islamia, for permission to supply food to the Mahomedan prisoners in the Central Jail on the occasion of the Birth-day of the Prophet which falls on 1-10-1925, as the concession will lead to breach of discipline and other communities will also claim similar concessions, which, if granted, will turn Jail imprisonment into a life of constant, if not, continuous festivities. A copy of letter from the Superintendent, Bangalore Central Jail, giving his opinion is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

avl./24-9.

Letter No.1361/F.104 dated 21st September 1925 from the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bangalore, to the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, B'lore.

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With reference to your letter No. 1160/77-25 dated 18-9-25 calling for my opinion in the matter of supply of food from outside to Mahomedan prisoners on the occasion of the Birth-day of Mahomed and other religious ceremonies, I have the honour to state that except Civil and Undertrial prisoners who are allowed to get simple home diet all other prisoners are fed according to the scale of diet prescribed. Articles of supplies of food are supervised by the Superintendent and the Chief Jailor. Cooked food is supervised by the Su Assistant Surgeon and the Medical Officer According to Section 327 Mysore Jail Manual all such food shall be cooked at the Jail Kitchen. If food should be allowed to be supplied to the Mahommedan prisoner from outside it will be very difficult to judge of the quality and quantity of the food - brought in and if it should be rejected the Mahomedan prisoners will have to go without food. This concession is sure to be claimed by other castes and the result would apparently be one round of festivities in the Jail not only to the particular sect but to their friends and thereby dislocating work, subverting discipline. As it is, regularity in food and absence of excitement has a tranquilizing effect and keep the prisoners in very good health and in fact better health than they keep in their free irregular life. Instead of food if leaders of various sects were to ask their several religious men to impart religious and moral - instructions once a week on Sundays much useful purpose would be served.

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" C O P Y "

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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SUBJECT

Section Pers
File No. 15-25
Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. D2000.

To The Secy to Govt

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 19.6.25

Signed by Mr. Neill.

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 1454/77-25 dt 29.9.25. regarding supply of food to Muhammadan prisoners from outside the Jail on certain specified occasions, I am directed to state that Govt. agree with your views expressed in the letter quoted above, and that the Secy of the Islamia may be informed accordingly.

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